

ELLEN OSBORN'S
FASHION LETTER.The Puritan Maiden,
the Shirt-Waist Girl
and the Spring Hat.
All Are Interesting.

NEW YORK, March 8.—At the morning lecture, the favored form of Lenten penance among fashionable folk, the Puritan maiden sits silent and attentive.

Whether the topic is music, literature or art; whether she ponders the foreboding of German, or grows meditative over metaphysics or scratches notes of the most up-to-date scientific theory; whether she be a frivolous girl or severely practical, she looks unlike herself, and altogether other-worldly in

a modest poke hat adorned with spring flowers is just a part of the girl's charm and whimsically—these qualities being often one.

It is said that Miss Bessie Hoyt, the famous girl golfer, was the first to wear the new scarf. Fashionable dressmakers are adapting it to costumes for the south, to bridesmaid's dresses for Easter weddings and to all manner of fresh and filmy summer gowns.

A dress to which the scarf was added was made recently for Mrs. Clarence Mackay. It was a blue-gray foulard, whose skirt was finished with black chiffon ruffles. The tunic, long and close-fitting, formed a deep scallop at the back, one distinct point in front, and two irregular, jagged points at each side, all edged with the same black chiffon.

The feature of the bodice was the chiffon fichu, which made a soft, cloudy frame for the shoulders. Crossing in front, the ends were carried around the back and fell in cash draperies, nearly to the ground.

Next, the rich, Greek draperies, brought from the right shoulder to the waist, and terminating in long scarf ends, are the newest and daintiest of the frilly garnitures with which every woman will blossom out at Easter. Competing with these are Recamier folds, draped berthes, lace yoke-pieces and accordion-plaited fronts of diaphanous textures.

The hats that will be worn—with these cobwebs of lace are themselves as cobwebby. The latest hat will be a handful of tulle. Where straw struggles for its old-time supremacy, it is a straw so lace-like that it can be tucked and even accordion-plaited.

The favorite toque looks like a snowball. It is so round, so soft and so white. Sometimes the resemblance is completed by trimming it with edelweiss and adding not a touch of color except black velvet strings.

Sometimes pansies blossom in the snow, or crocuses or spikes of hyacinth; some white toques have brims made of roses, as if the flakes had fallen on a bed of flowers.

A startling hat, designed for a leading actress, has a four-leaved clover in green velvet standing up in front against its snowy background.

Rivalling the snowball hat is the hat composed entirely of flowers—a Nice hat, it would be called upon the Riviera. The newest Nice hats are towering bouquets. Enormous roses compose them, so long-stemmed and loosely inserted that a woman must wear such headgear with caution, unless she

her wide kerchief and quaint poke bonnet, that contrast with the correct tailor dresses of the matrons who surround her.

The Puritan maiden appeared with Ash Wednesday, but she will remain beyond Easter, for she represents a fetching spring fashion.

Demure as she looks, this fin de siècle Puritan, she may be a daughter of Marie Antoinette, as well as of Priscilla, for, with all her quaintness, she does not lack coquetry.

Her kerchief is of gauzy chiffon,



Hat Entirely of Foliage. The Bouquet. The Four-Leaved Clover. Black Chip Hat With Feathers.

white, or black or palest gray, or blue, and it fastens above her bosom with a glittering brooch that would not be approved by the elders.

Or it becomes a fichu outright, and knots in front and falls to the waist, and knots again upon the hips and flutters where it will in long ruffled and laced-ends.

A little pimple, a harmless looking wart or mole, a lump in the breast, a cut or bruise that refuses to heal under ordinary treatment, should all be looked upon with suspicion, as this is often the beginning of

CANCER Cannot be Cut Out or Removed with Plasters

Surgical operations and flesh destroying plasters are useless, painful and dangerous, and besides, never cure Cancer. No matter how often a cancerous sore is removed, another comes at or near the same point, and always in a worse form. Does not this prove conclusively that Cancer is a blood disease, and that it is folly to attempt to cure this deep-seated, dangerous blood trouble by cutting or burning out the sore, which, after all, is only an outward sign of the disease—a place of exit for the poisons?

Cancer runs in families through many generations, and those whose ancestors have been afflicted with it are liable at any time to be stricken with the deadly malady.

Only Blood Diseases can be Transmitted from One Generation to Another

—further proof that Cancer is a disease of the blood. To cure a blood disease like this you must cure the entire blood system—remove every trace of the poison. Nothing cures Cancer effectually and permanently but S. S. S.

S. S. S. enters the circulation, searches out and removes all taint, and stops the formation of cancerous cells. No mere tonic or ordinary blood medicine can do this. S. S. S. goes down to the very roots of the disease, and forces out the deadly poison, allowing the body to heal naturally and permanently. S. S. S. at the same time purifies the blood and builds up the general health. A little pimple, a harmless looking wart or mole, a lump in the breast, a cut or bruise that refuses to heal under ordinary treatment, should all be looked upon with suspicion, as this is often the beginning of a bad form of cancer.

Mrs. Sarah M. Kessling, of Windsor Ave., Bristol, Tenn., writes: "I am 41 years old, and for three years have suffered with a severe form of Cancer on my jaw, which the doctors in this city said was incurable, and that I could not live more than six months. I accepted their statement as true, and had given up all hope of ever being well again, when my druggist the more began to feel, much to the surprise, and the physicians, and in a short time made a complete cure. I have gained in flesh, my appetite is splendid, sleep is refreshing, and I am enjoying perfect health."

Our medical department is in charge of physicians of long experience, who are especially skilled in treating Cancer and other blood diseases. Write for any advice or information wanted, we make no charge whatever for this service.

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on the left side. Some milliners call such hats retousses, but this is not to apologize for them as for a pug nose; they are very pretty hats for the elegant faces to which they are suited. Just as the pug is the prettiest of all noses—if you happen to be fond of the girl whose face it adorns.

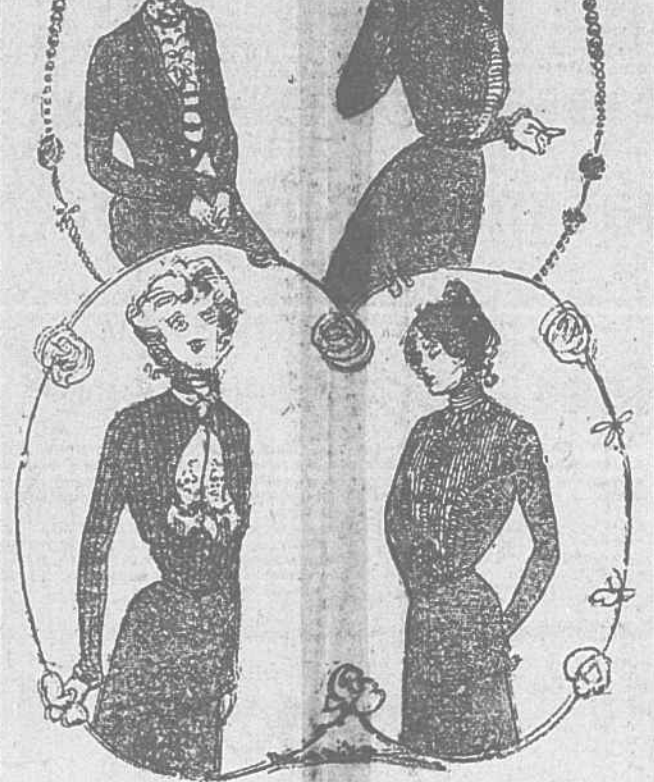
The hats that used to be called "picture" hats are thrown into the background by the weird and wild shapes that now appear. There is the chimney-pot hat, tall and ugly, as its name implies.

Then there is the hat indented all around in ripples, like an oyster plate, with many ruffles tucked into its

of white tulle. A big black bow, not at the left, and the brim was edged with a wreath of apple blossoms.

A large hat of coarse, gold-colored straw, faced on the under side of the brim with white straw. The trimming consisted of a huge black velvet bow, fastened by a silver buckle; on the left side the brim turned up to make room for a mass of pink roses, with foliage.

A Tam O'Shanter toque of turquoise-blue muslin, worn at the back of the head. The upturned brim was covered with shirred muslin, large blue ostrich plumes drooped at the left, and big round gilt plumes, studded with



Some Waists of Spring.

scallops for oysters. This hat is a law unto itself, and there is yet to be found a woman who can profitably live by such a law.

Then there is the Vandike hat—not a hat such as Vandike painted, but one whose brim is crushed and squashed into Vandike points, with pointed bows standing up above, like bats' ears.

Prettier than these are simple hats of Tuscan straw, which it is the fancy to trim with white ostrich feathers, massing many on top or allowing one to droop, Treloway fashion, on each side.

These two hats were ordered the other day by Miss Mary Crocker:

1. An immense round affair of white tulle, the puff crown held in place by bands of black velvet, a bow of which holds rose pommes behind.

2. A hat of pale blue straw of the Panama order, but having the brim arranged in deep tucks. Flat and tapping bows of black velvet are not at each side of the crown, the brim is lined with large American Beauty roses and there are long and wide black ribbons, which are threaded through the crown and tie on the left, well up under the ear.

At a private opening yesterday a girl who chattered to her companion of nothing but badminton tried on in succession these:

1. A fluffy toque, enveloped in rolls

gems, and giving an odd Eastern touch, were fastened in front over the hair. For the shirt waist girl of 1900 there have been enacted these laws:

The shirt must have no yoke in the back. It must have a belt, which is narrow behind, and rounds down in front. It must have tight and covetously long sleeves. It must not have anything of a pouch effect in front.

Provided these rules are not broken, the shirt may follow as to other matters its own sweet will.

Soft, turn-over collars, trimmed with lace, have the stamp of highest authority, yet linen collars will be worn. Deepening cuffs that reach to the knuckles are much talked about, but stiff cuffs are everywhere seen. Pique shirts are said to be ostracized, and they will be as plenty as ever, at least until it becomes warm enough for the enjoyment of sheer lawn.

The white waist is the favorite. It will be put on at once, even in the earliest spring. It is made of wash silk, of finely tucked linen lawn and of white mull. When it is at its best it is made with groups of tucks alternating, back and front, with narrow bands of insertion, through which are run brightly colored ribbons. By cingling these the shirt can be made to harmonize with any skirt or hat, and to do duty for half a dozen shirts in a small wardrobe.

For morning wear the approved materials are madras and chevrot in broad stripes and polka dot designs. For daintier use Persian lawn is the chief novelty, Swiss embroidery, perhaps most in vogue.

Many of the new shirts are made with a bolero jacket, and all, except those intended for the hardest wear, are trimmed as they never have been before. The amount of hand embroidery, ruffling and ruffling, tucking and plaiting and shirring and ribbon-trimming lavished on the shirt waist will astonish all and sadden those who pay the laundry bills.

Pretty gilt waists, not intended for the tub, come in plaid, divided by Valenciennes lace insertion; in white and pale blue, embroidered with black spots, and in almost as great a variety of designs as the more elaborate separately waists that have been worn throughout the winter.

Interesting to Cyclists.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The commissioner of internal revenue, as decided that the check or receipt given for a bicycle transported on a passenger train along with the owner is not subject to tax revenue to

INTERNATIONAL S. S. LESSON.

March 11, 1900, Mark II, 10-32.
The Paralytic Healed.

Capernaum was by adoption Jesus' own city. He made it the center of his missionary tours. He wrought more miracles, preached more sermons there than in any other one place. He recognized it as his residence, by paying his tax there—"using," as a quaint writer says, "a fish's mouth as the purse from which he took the coin of a tax-gatherer." It was no matter to him, price that Jesus went there. There were nine large cities in immediate proximity. And the combined population of the district approximated three million souls. Comparatively remote from the ecclesiastical center of Palestine, the predilection to the new teacher and his disciples was correspondingly less. There Jesus "crashed" the masses.

There was an irresistible attractiveness in Jesus. People new to him like a magnet to a needle. He drew men to himself, as could not be hid. He is still the most attractive personage of all history, and having been lifted up, is drawing an ever-increasing number of men to himself. But each must determine for himself whether this attraction shall result in a permanent attachment to the Master. Alas for Capernaum! It was for the most part, curiously, or more bodily healing, or leaves and fishes, that brought the populace to Jesus; and so a city exalted to heaven is brought down to hell. It is an utter desolation, indeed, in the whole region. One little, leaky boat floats on Galilee, where once a goodly fleet rode at anchor. Jesus' words: "We will make the echoes of a complete desolation."

Once when Jesus in the very house where he was seeking repose, was welcomed by an angel, and completely choked up on the courtyard and the very approach to it, a stirring incident occurred. Four men or more of whom many have heard, came to Jesus, and the sufferer, who was power to heal, picked up an afflicted friend as he lay upon his mat, and brought him joyously and confidently to the great teacher. They were not dejected. They found the ordinary approach hopelessly blocked. They did not lay their friend down in the street, or even return with him to his dwelling. They were the kind who take the kingdom of heaven by storm. They carried their friend up the outside staircase to the flat roof. They dug their hard, sun-dried earthen roof enough to admit of their lowering their friend into the room below. There were helping hands reached up from the astonished auditors below, and the sufferer was gently and safely landed at Jesus' feet. A mute, but powerful appeal, that!

Jesus' first words were indescribably comforting: "Son, be of good cheer! But there is a surprising change in the formula. It is not a rebuke to disease. It is a categorical, authoritative remission of sin. The standing wave could not escape the notice of the inquisitorial coterie of scribes and Pharisees. It was not intended they should. It was Jesus' saintly act. They picked it up, but not in audible words of dissent. Omnipotence unveiled their unspoken words as Jesus said: "Omnipotence knows nothing of degrees. One God, so so all the earth is finally filled with his praise."

Jesus said in the four carriers and the sufferer carried. So also he saw the sufferer, and feeling of the race, what shall he find in our hearts—faith or hostile reasonings?

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